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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Jeng H. Hwang et al.

SERIAL NO.: 10/057,674

FILED: January 24, 2002

FOR: MASKING METHODS AND ETCHING
SEQUENCES FOR PATTERNING ELECTRODES
OF HIGH DENSITY RAM CAPACITORS

§ GROUP ART UNIT: 1756

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§ EXAMINER: K. Duda

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AMENDMENT "E"

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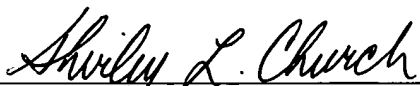
This Amendment "E" is in response to the Office Action mailed May 28, 2004, having a shortened period of response through August 30, 2004.

Claims 1 - 11, 13 - 16, 18 - 25, 27, and 29 - 32 are pending in the application.

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Claims 29 - 32 are rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph.

Claims 1, 10, 11, and 13 - 16 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,143,476, to Ye et al.

Claims 19 - 25, 27, and 32 are allowed.

Claims 2 - 9, 18, and 29 - 31 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Please amend the application as follows.

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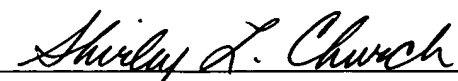
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CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER <u>AMENDMENT</u>		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY <u>PAID FOR</u>		PRESENT <u>EXTRA</u>		<u>RATE</u>	ADDITIONAL <u>FEE</u>
TOTAL CLAIMS	28	minus	28	=	0	x	\$18.00	\$00.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	9	minus	5	=	4	x	\$86.00	\$344.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS			0				\$290.00	\$00.00
							TOTAL FEE DUE	\$344.00

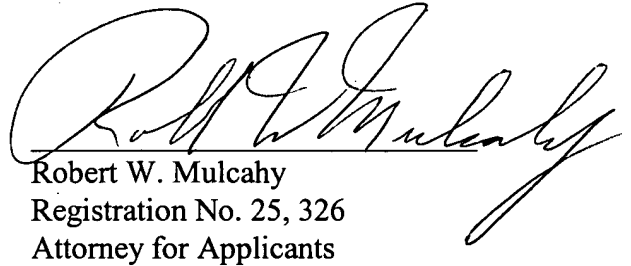
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$ 344.00, in payment of the fee for additional independent claims, as well as any additional fees which may be due, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 50-1074 of Applied Materials, Inc., Santa Clara, California.

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